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1. GOC HAS MADE CLEAR IN LAST FEW DAYS THAT DESPITE ITS FERVID ANTI-MARXISM IT IS ALSO CAPABLE OF TAKING VERY PRACTICAL FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS. ON SEPT 2 GOC ISSUED PRESS NOTICE SPECIFICALLY POINTING OUT "CORDIAL CONTACT" OF HEAD OF STATE PINOCHET WITH PRC AMB HSU CHUNG-SU AT RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS AUG 30. SANTIAGO PRESS FEATURED PHOTO OF PRC AMB AND PINOCHET IN SMILING CONVERSATION AT RECEPTION.

2. PRESS BULLETIN QUOTED "GOVERNMENT PERSONAGE" AS SAYING: "GOVERNMENT OF CHILE OBSERVES WITH INTEREST RETURN TO HIS DUTIES" OF PRC AMB (ABOUT AUG 1, REFTEL). HE SAID "...THIS COUNTRY (PRC) OFFERS GREAT PROSPECTS FOR TRADE AND HAS DEMONSTRATED IN THE PAST YEAR A SINCERE INTEREST IN BINATIONAL RELATIONS. CHILE HAS A SINCERE INTEREST IN MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING THESE RELATIONS."

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3. COMMENT: GOC MAY HOPE FOR PROFITABLE TRADE WITH PRC,

BUT PRIMARY INTEREST IS DEMONSTRATION THAT GOC CAN HAVE CORDIAL
RELATIONS WITH ANY COUNTRY, EVEN MARXIST, NOT INVOLVED IN ACTUAL
SUBVERSION IN CHILE. FON MIN OFFICER TOLD US SOME TIME AGO THAT
PRC EMBASSY KEEPS EXTREMELY LOW PROFILE, WHICH DOES NOT
DISPLEASE GOC, WHILE FON MIN ITSELF "CANNOT KEEP ALL THOSE
CHINESE NAMES STRAIGHT."
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